

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2270

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By Mr. Patrick of Falmouth, petition of Matthew C. Patrick for legislation to authorize tax exempt contributions by energy company consumers for the funding of municipal renewable energy facilities. Revenue.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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### AN ACT AUTHORIZING CONTRIBUTIONS BY ENERGY COMPANY CONSUMERS TO FUND MUNICIPAL RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Section 1D of chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the  
3 following paragraph:—  
4 All gas and electric companies shall include a space on the pay-  
5 ment section of its bills that would allow a customer to make a  
6 voluntary payment in addition to the required payment. Such addi-  
7 tional monies shall be paid over to the city or town in which the  
8 property serviced is located. Said city or town may use such  
9 monies only for the purchase of renewable energy systems for  
10 public buildings and facilities. Such contributions shall be treated  
11 as charitable for tax purposes.